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Mr. Glynn Blanton Chief - Gas Pipeline Safety Division Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re: Atmos Soft Close Program Petition, Docket No. 03-00241

Dear Mr. Blanton:

Thank you for agreeing this afternoon to extend the due date for Atmos' responses to Data Request #1. As we discussed, the Company has been working on gathering the requested information, and we will be able to provide answers to the requests by next Tuesday, April 29.

This will also confirm that the Company is amenable to postponing the effective date of the proposed soft close tariff amendment to give the staff an opportunity to review the information submitted. As we discussed, the tariff now has a proposed effective date of July 1, 2003, and will come before the Authority for consideration at the June agenda conference.

We look forward to working with you on this matter, and if you have any further questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 423-209-4148 or by e-mail mkelley@bdbc.com.

Sincerely,

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